GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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VIRUS RESISTANT VARIETIES OF TOMATOES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore has developed three virus-resistant varieties of tomatoes which reduces cost of cultivation and are pesticide free; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to popularise the said virus-resistant tomatoes among farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These varieties have been released by the state level Variety Release Committee for cultivation in Karnataka only. However, these varieties are yet to be tested at national level in multi-location trials.